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MINISTER OF EDUCATION AND
CULTURE TAIANA SWORE IN THE NEW SECRETARY OF CULTURE
DR. LOPEZ PENA IN A CEREMONY JUNE 13. PROGRAM BEGAN
WITH THE NATIONAL ANTHEM AND THE PERONIST MARCH. AMONG
LOPEZ PENA'S REMARKS WAS INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING COMMENT.
(QUOTATION TAKEN FROM JUNE 14 LA PRENSA), "WE HAVE THREE
DIFFICULTIES TO CONQUER: IDEOLOGIES FOREIGN TO OUR
NATIONAL BEING; MULTINATIONAL (VESTED) INTERESTS WHICH
WILL NOT WILLINGLY CEDE THE GROUND THEY HAVE WON; THE
(SIMULTANEOUS) DULLNESS AND OVER-REACTION OF THOSE WHO
EXPECT MIRACLES FROM THE GOVERNMENT OR WHO HAVE A
REVOLUTIONARY PRESCRIPTION WORKED OUT IN DETAIL".
"I AM PROFOUNDLY CONVINCED THAT OUR CULTURAL
REVOLUTION SHOULD NOT LOOK FOR FOREIGN MODELS BUT
SHOULD STEM FROM OUR LIFE STYLE".

DR. LOPES PENA WAS A PROFESSOR OF THE SOCIOLOGY
OF LITERATURE AND FOLKLORE AND HAS PREVIOUSLY HELD THE
POSTS OF SECRETARY OF CULTURE OF BUENOS AIRES AND
DIRECTOR OF THE COLON AND SAN MARTIN THEATRES. THESE
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